

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 818 – HB 1447

March 6, 2021

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires each county election commission to maintain a website to provide voter information to residents.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase Local Expenditures - \$149,000/FY21-22*
\$75,900/FY22-23 and Subsequent Years*

Assumptions:

- 15 counties in Tennessee do not currently maintain a county election commission website.
- The average population of each county that does not currently maintain a county election website is 13,474.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, the Unicoi County Election Commission recently started a website that is shared with the county government. The costs for the county to establish the website were an initial \$4,873 for set up, monthly costs of \$420 for maintenance, updates, and security, and an annual cost of \$22 for domain name rights.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau 2019 population estimates, the population of Unicoi County is 17,883.
- It is assumed that the county election commissions required under the proposed legislation to start a website, in counties that are in the same population bracket as Unicoi, will have the same expenditures.
- A one-time mandatory increase in local expenditures for the initial set up of \$73,095 (\$4,873 x 15 counties) in FY21-22.
- A recurring mandatory increase in local expenditures, beginning in FY21-22, for a monthly maintenance fee and annual domain name fee, of \$75,930 [(\$420 x 12 months x 15 counties) + (\$22 x 15 counties)].
- A total mandatory increase in local expenditures of \$149,025 (\$73,095 + \$75,930) in FY21-22.
- A total mandatory increase in local expenditures of \$75,930 in FY22-23 and subsequent years.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized 'B' and 'S'.

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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